### MAYOR GREEN VISITS BELDING WITH JACKIE BAND

TREATS BELDING FOLKS TO A VISIT FROM BIG BAND AFTER PROGRAM WAS CHANGED.

Well, Belding had a visit from the famous Great Lakes Jackie band just the same even though Spanish influenza broke out among the band which was scheduled to play at this city and kept them from coming here and at other places where they had been scheduled for. The band reached here about 3:40 o'clock Monday afternoon coming in autos from Ionia, where their schedule had brought beautiful instruments and the music which they dispensed was well worth hearing and greatly pleased the people. them for a considerable portion of the day. There were 30 of the boys and they presented a fine sight with their

To Mayor Fred W. Green of Ionia, must be given the credit of getting the Jackie band to come here. The band arrived at Ionia earlier in the day and played there. Ionia had many places where the boys could have been taken but Mayor Green, browing that the cancellation of the knowing that the cancellation of the schedule of the band which was to be here Tuesday night was a keen disappointment to local people, made up his mind to bring the boys over to Belding and give the people or as many of them as he could on short notice, the treat of having the band play here. He called up Secretary Byron F. Brown of the board of commerce and others here and the news of the band's visit was spread so that at the time that they arrived, a crowd of perhaps 2,000 people were on hand to hear them. All of the silk mills and that they are allowed in what they the factories were closed in order that the employes might turn out to the event.

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B. F. Hall acted as chairman of the meeting and he introduced ex-State Senator W. W. Potter, who was with the band and who talked to the gathering on the urgent need of buying bonds to aid in carrying on the war. He was followed by ex-Congressman Gerrit J. Diekema, well known here, who gave a very good and patriotic talk to the people along the same lines as Mr. Potter, only that he took up more time and dwell on the individual duty of each person in buying bonds. Mr. Diekema pointed out several instances where great acts of patriotism had been performed by several instances where great acts of patriotism had been performed by people in meagre means and said that the man who could buy \$500 in bonds and who bought less than that, was not just what he ought to be. He gloried in the unity which we have in this nation and with no north, no south, no protestant, no Catholic, but a strong and unified nation, we would not only be able to go over the top

not only be able to go over the top in subscribing this Fourth Liberty loan, but would be able to watch the boys go over the top over there in the drive toward Berlin.

The president and ex-president then entertained with a burlesque. The impersonations were splendid and caused much merriment.

crowd. The band boys, who were aboard a Pere Marquette train which left Ionia about 5 o'clock, left here by auto about 4:35 and were calculating to catch the train at Ionia.

Mayor Green, the people of Belding thank you most heartily for your most thoughtful consideration of them in the matter of bringing the Jackie

Had Big Meeting.

There was a good big turn out at the patriotic meeting held in the opera-house Tuesday night when Capt. J. H. A. McLean of the 110th Canadian regiment talked on the Fourth Liber-ty loan. The Red Cross chorus sang several songs which greatly pleased the audience and Duncan Kerr sang several songs. Thirteen thousand dollars was raised toward the loan sales. This amount, added to the amount raised by voluntary pledges, leaves the city far short of its quota.

Notice, Water Users. From now on there will be no more statements showing the amount which you are owing for water used within the quarter, sent out. The elimination of this useless practice will work no hardship on anyone and will result in material saving to the city. F. E. Conant,

City Clerk.

Girls Want Positions. There are several girls attending school here who will be compelled to quit if they don't find boarding and working accommodations soon. Cal Supt. Skinner if you can help one of these bright young ladies out in this

little Red Cross nurse came to gladen the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elleson Avery, 217 E. Vincent street. Upon being introduced to Dr. Stanton she answered to the name of "Libert Red Cross nurse came to gladen the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elleson Avery, 217 E. Vincent street. Upon being introduced to Dr. Stanton she answered to the name of "Libert Red" Cross nurse came to gladen to our dear friends of yore:

We greet you and welcome you all Through our new club room door. "Liberty Bell" Avery.

Just as the first rays of dawn were kissing Old Glory on Oct. 1, 1918, a answered to the name of "Liberty Bell". She tipped the beam at 9 1-2 pounds and all are doing fine.

Notice of City Treasurer.

Come in and pay your taxes now, 4 per cent will be added to all taxes paid after Sept. 30 Oct. 10 will be the last day for the payment of taxes. Remember the date. Office open every afternoon and evening.

Yours respectfully and the composition of the sixth month at the same theater.

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Betha McMahon, Secretary.

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Solution for future generations.

'Hearts of the World' has been running continuously in New York for several months and in Chicago is at the beginning of the sixth month at the game theater.

Seats now selling for the evening performances on Menday and Tuesday of the sixth month at the game theater.

Betha McMahon, Secretary.

## 100 PER CENT PURCHASES FAMILY QUARREL

The employes of the Belding Foundry Company went on record as a patriotic lot of fellows early in the campaign Saturday when the records showed a 100 per cent sales at that institution, every man had subscribed for a bond of the Fourth Liberty loan. No argument was needed or rescrted to in order to accomplish this but out of the entire force there was not a man but who saw the need of the hour with the nation and coming to its rescue with all the power that he could command, bought a bond and heiped the boys that way. We doubt if there are many concerns who can feel more pride in the display of their 100 per cent flags than can the Belding Foundry company ever the flag

## **CLUB HOLDS ITS** REGULAR MEETING

FIRST MEETING IN NEW LI-BRARY-TELEGRAPH THANKS TO A. N. BELDING.

The Ladies' Literary Exchange club held their first regular meeting for the year in the new club room in the city library.

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The meeting was on the order of a dedication, this being their first meeting in the new club room. All who have had the pleasure of being shown through the new library, remember well the beautiful club room on the lower floor, which A. N. Belding so thoughfully planned and furnished for the comfort and convenience of the women's clubs of our city.

To say that the L. L. E. C. was delighted is putting it mildly as each and every member present reflected the spirit of appreciation and all entered into the year's activities with a vim.

On this our "opening day,"
'Our dear Mrs. Schlegal
And Pearl Pollock, are away.

We surely do miss them, Had hoped they'd be here, But we know their hearts with us,

So we've nothing to fear. Your presidents bring greetings, Both present and past; To our L. L. E. C. members, The old members and last.

We welcome you all; The old members and the new, We are glad of the new members. The old members have proved true.

Twenty-three years our club Have been journeying together, Whether the skies were fair

Or stormy was the weather. We've taken many journeys With our lessons to con. We've crossed the Mississippi

In our own United States
We spent a whole club year,
And in studying other countries

Found nothing to compare. Time forbids us to tell Of the far distant lands, Which were not overlooked By our L. L. E. C. bands.

No More Water Statements.

Elsewhere in the columns of this paper appears a notice of the city clerk who is also clerk of the water board, to the effect that hereafter to the anvil cyhorus work now. He has opened up the West Main street blacksmith and registered horseshoer is now ready for your business. Mr. Anthony is a fine fellow to meet and farmers, we finvite you to drop in and get acquainted with him.

Notice of City Treasurer.

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The Anthony is doing his part of the water and the

ENDS IN WIFE

MRS. WM. HATTON SENDS CALIBRE BULLET THROUGH MAN'S HEAD MONDAY.

Mrs. Carrie Hatton, aged 47 years, is lodged in the Mentcalm county jail at Stanton Mich., on a charge of murif there are many concerns who can feel more pride in the display of their 100 per cent flags than can the Belding Foundry company ever the flag which they fly as the result of the action of their employes, when they voluntarily made that mark on Saturday morning.

INDIC LITERARY

at Stanton Mich., on a charge of murder, following the shooting and killing of Wm. Hatton, her husband, early Monday morning at their farm home two miles north of this city, which followed a reopening of a quarrel by Hatton which began several days previous and which was caused, so it is alleged by Hatton's being in a semi-intoxicated condition for some time back.

Charles Scott, who was employed

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Charles Scott, who was employed by the Hattons as hired man, had arisen and went out to the barn to do the chores. Mr. and Mrs. Hatton had also arisen and Mrs. Hatton had prepared breakfast, which Hatton was evidently beginning to eat, when he was shot. Mrs. Hatton claims that her husband started in to quarrel and that he struck her and knocked her down, saying as he did so that he would get the axe and fix her and she claims that she procured a revolver. claims that she procured a revolver to frighten him with and that it went

to frighten him with and that it went off, the bullet entering his right temple and going straight through his head, emerged from his left temple.

Neither Scott, who was at the barn, nor any of the neighbors heard the shot. Two children, Elsie, aged 11 years and Billy, aged 6, were gleeping in the house and were aroused by the shot. Elsie ran to the home of Smith Nichols, about 40 rods away and summoned help saying that her pa was lying still on the floor with some blood by his head and her ma was on the floor groaning. Scott coming in from the barn, found them this way. John Raymond, a neighbor, ran to the home of Floyd Bush and called Deputy Sheriff Murray, Dr. Dutt and Justice Lapham, who were soon on the scene but owing to the fact that the and every member present reflected the spirit of appreciation and all entered into the year's activities with a vim.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mary L. Smith, with all officers present. The usual business was dispensed with. Under new business the chairman of the Red Cross committee of the club, Velma M. Ward, brought the work before the club in an explanatory way asking the cooperation of the club as a club. The club then voted to adopt a French orphan. The program in charge of the president and expresidents of the club was: Original poem. Greetings, Mrs. Martha Gooding; What the club meant to its members in the early days, Mrs. Rose Lamb; What the club means to its members now Teresa Ranney.

Deput Sheriff Muray, Dr. Dut and Justice Lapham, who were soon on the structure of the fact that the scommitted in Montcalm county, they notified the sheriff's office at Stanton and Sheriff Ford and Coroner John Reynolds came down about noon and took charge of the body, which they sent to Greenville. They also arrested Mrs. Hatton on a charge of murder and took her and the two children, Elsie and Billy, to Stanton.

The Hattons came here from Stanton and just what his relations with the family have been are conjectural. Neighbors seem to have a rather good regard for Mrs. Hatton and regard Hatton as a bad man, continued to the Corps in and regard Hatton as a bad man, continued to the continued of the club and the continued of the corps in and regard Hatton as a bad man, continued to the structure of the club was committed in Montcalm to murder was committed in Montcalm to m

other hand the bullet was from the side, indicating that Hatton was not advancing toward, nor going from Mrs. Hatton. Only two overturned chairs appeared as evidence of a chairs appeared as evidence of a lian Grast, Lyons; junior vice, Mrs. Lillian Grast, Lyons; junior vice, Mrs. Parton Elsie: treasurer, Mrs. Wallieve that there was not much of a struggle. Some people who have struggle. Some people who have known the woman for a long time claim that she has staged gun play before and credited her with being

a good shot.
Mrs. Hatton was, prior to her mar-

"HEARTS OF THE WORLD"
NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY
AT THE EMPRESS THEATRE
, "Hearts of the World", David W.
Griffith's masterpiece of the present
war, will be presented at the Empress
theater for two days, matinee and
evening performances commencing evening performances, commencing 'Monday, Octobe 7. "Hearts of the World" is the greatest picture yet produced, dealing with the present

COOKS CORNERS HAS TELLS OF FINE

KILLING HUSBAND

KAT the dedication of the community service flag Friday evening, F. L.

Moon acted as chairman, calling the meeting to o' der. After singing of the national songs and invocation by Rev. H. S. Ellis, Major F. R. Chase was called upon and gave a good talk on our boys in the service, also on the present Liberty loan.

Abby White and Irene Deitz placed the stars on the flag as the names were called, there being 14 in all: Frank C. Hubbard, Archie Gray, Wallace Updyke, Clarence Green somewhere in France, Robert Reeves, Glen Burnie, Md., Joseph Fisk, Lawrence Bradford, Dallas, Texas, David Sower, Orva Foss, who were at Long Island

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KILLING HUSBA Bradford, Dallas, Texas, David Sower, Orva Foss, who were at Long Island Mast week and expect are now sailing, Allen Kimberly, Vancouver. Wash., Don White, Syracuse, N. Y., Ernest Eggleston, George King, Camp Custer, Harry Reeves, Moline, Ill. After placing the stars, Rev. Ellis gave a very pleasing address for his thoughts were for the boys over there and the lasting peace they are fighting for.

At the close a collection was taken Friend Kate: were for the boys over there and the lasting peace they are fighting for.

At the close a collection was taken for the Red Cross which was \$22.32.

# **NECESSARY FOR**

LUMBER FOR FARM IMPROVE-MENTS UP TO \$1,000 MAY BE SOLD WITHOUT SECURING uPERMITS.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 27.—Regional Retail Committee, cooperating with National Retail Dealers' committee, secured a modification of Circular No. 21, which circular prohibited all new building of every description without permit. The modification permits local dealers to sell up to \$1,000 for new construction without permit, this for farm purposes only.

Preston, Elsie; treasurer, Mrs. Wal-ker, Alma; chaplain, Mrs. Emmons, Elsie; secretary, to be apponted, Delegate to national convention, Lois Dougherty, Lyons; alternate, Van Horn, Portland.

Reports from all corps in the dis-Mrs. Hatton was, prior to her marriage to Hatton. Carrie Ward, a vaudeville actress, traveling with tent shows, etc. Her mother Mrs. Hannah Ward, resides at Ionia.

Coroner Reynolds, of Trufant, impannelled a jury composed of Smith Nichols, James Antcliff, George Hagadorn, Vern LaDow and August (Belcher) Bakeman, who rendered a verdict that Hatton came to his death as a result of a bullet from a revolver in the hands of his wife. Carrie Hat-

a result of a bullet from a revolver in the hands of his wife, Carrie Hatton, who shot in self defense.

Hatton's body laid where it fell, from about 6 o'clock, the time of the shooting until after two in the afternoon.

Mrs. Hatton's trial will be held at the well laden tables and all served to a most excellent, well Hooverized dinner after which we were treated to a fine particular of music tricks. shooting until after the noon.

Mrs. Hatton's trial will be held at Stanton, the crime having been committed in Montcalm county.

Mrs. Bee Leach and Mrs. Floyd Hartwell of Stanton are daughters of the couple.

Cellent, wen received to a fine patriotic program consisting of music, singing and readings closing by all singing "Star Spangled Banner." At 5:30 p. m., after a day well spent we started for our homes by auto, voting unanimously that the 25th convention was one of the best and one to be long remembered.

Florence A. Crawford,

Press Correspondent.

Gets Safely Across.

Thomas Bracken, of the Hotel Belding, is in receipt of a card stating that his son, Thomas jr., had safely reached European soil

Goes to Ann Arbor.

Ernest Rummler went to Ann Arbor Monday noon, where he will enter the student officers' training school. Ernest has been w Detroit for some time past. Ernest has been working in

Some Questions Am I the American I ought to there" think I am?
What are my reasons for not buying a bond?
Are those reasons good and suf-

Why am I not boesting for the success of this loan?
Why should I wait until the committee visits me with a request to buy?
Why am I unpatriotic?
Where is the nearest bank?

TRIP TO HOME IN

MISS CLARA MOULTON, NOW A RESIDENT OF PASADENA, CAL. WRITES TO LOCAL FRIEND.

We are pleased to publish this week a part of a letter which Miss Clara Moulton, formerly and for many years a resident of this city recently sent to Miss Kate Lamb, who with her in-

Friend Kate: Friend Kate:

I am going to begin this letter but
I am not sure when I will finish it
This is certainly a wonderful country,
but think one would enjoy it much
better to land here along in January
some time as the contrast would be so
much greater We had some very hot
weather when we first arrived, but I
see from the papers that it was all FOR FARM IMPROVEUP TO \$1,000 MAY BE
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weather when we first arrived, but I see from the papers that it was all over the country the same Last week most of the week was rather cool and cloudy which was very unusual for this place, so the natives all said, had a slight shower one day.

There is scarcely a day that we do not hear an aeroplane and of course kid fashion I have to run out and look also from some points in the city one

also from some points in the city one can see as many as eight balloons up at one time over at the aviation field.

I have always thought in my own mind, that cedars and evergreens were grown in colder climates, but I guess I was wrong as I wish you might see some of the giant pines here, they also have wonderful cypress hedges, which I do not care for much in a city; they might be all right on a ranch for a wind break. They have over 200 different kinds of Eucalptit trees, some have wonderful blossoms, I have seen the red ones in blossom and it is a sight, they have what they call the blue one, I have not seen the blossom on these, do not know what it is but the young trees have quite a bluish tint from the distance. One can hardly picture Fucshias growing also from some points in the city one who gave a very good and patriotic lake to the people along the angel and grant of the people along the angel and the control of the people along the angel and the control of the people along the angel and the control of the people along the angel and the control of the people along the angel and the control of the people along the angel and the control of the people along the angel and the control of the people along the people along the angel and the control of the people along the people alo

all but spent our time out there so did not see much of the city. That even ing we stayed in and attended the Michigan club meeting.

I will tell you a little, perhaps more

to several people; I made copies; I could not work my brain enough to think the whole thing out so many times and then it saved work. I wrote a couple of friends in Belding and asked them to pass it on to some of my friends, then I wrote my brother, George, and he sent it to Howard somewhere in France. We had his first letter from there, or rather his folks did and sent it on to us.

We left Belding as we planted on Arrived Salely Ove seas.

We left Belding, as we planned, on Thursday afternoon, the 18th of July, stayed all night in Grand Rapids and stayed all night in Grand Rapids and left for Chicago the next morning. It was a very dirty and hot ride to Chicago, we arrived there somewhere along about 3:30 p. m., I should judge, were transferred to the Union depot by the Parmlee bus line; it certainly looked queer to think of a company using horses on a bus in this day and generation but such was the case; we went to see about getting a berth for generation but such was the case; we went to see about getting a berth for Denver, nothing doing. We then went to the Morrison hotel; it was a very nice hotel; we had a room on the 22nd floor, a lovely room with bath, and everything in, some style for a couple of country guys, even ice water from a faucet in the wall, a nice deak and deak lamp, and a nice light by your bed so one could read in bed if (Continued Next Week.)

Inght in the Free Blechouse that it is even. B. The second letter is from Rollin Donovan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donovan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donovan of Grattan. Rollin is well known here and is with the medical commissioned officer and bankers and manufacturers are proud to be seen (Continued on Page Seven)

## CHRISTMAS TRADING TO SPLENDID LETTERS

Sec. Byren F. Brown received a let-ter from Sec. Lee H. Berce of the Grand Rapids chamber of commerce confirming our statement in last week's issue concerning Christmas

No merchant will be allowed to hire more clerk help than at any ordinary time of the year. He will not be allowed to keep his store open longer than the usual hours and will be compalled to take the store of the Charten pelled to take care of the Christmas trade in those hours.

The government wants the people of the nation to start their Christmas shopping now and continue it through the months of October, November and December so as to help the mer-chants take care of the Christmas trade in conformity with the wishes of the government.

Do not mistake this as a suggestion on the part of the government; it is a war ruling and will be strictly en-

## SPANISH "FLU" MAY BE SPREAD BY GERMAN SPIES

DISEASE BREAKS OUT SIMUL-TANEOUSLY IN MANY PLACES -MANY DEATHS DUT TO IT.

Hubert M. Engemann, one of the editors of this paper, who has been stationed at Glen Burnie rifle range stationed at Glen Burnie rifle range for some months past and more recently placed in the United States Naval hospital at Annapolis, Md., arrived home unexpectedly on the evening train up from Grand Rapids Friday night. When asked why he had not sent advance information about his coming "Hub" said that he could not do it owing to the fact that he had practically no advance information of the matter himself until the hospital authorities told him to clear out for

"Hub" says that he had been in the hospital for the past month and was getting along nicely when the Spanish influenza got to work among the ca-dets at the naval academy at Annapo-lis, Md. When the first few cadets who were taken with the disease came

are the fruit trees and once in a while a loctus. The Ragged Robin rose makes beautiful hedges. Then there are what they call the Acacia trees; they are black, yellow and blue; the yellow are very fragrant.

We have not been on many walks as yet, we are quite aways from down, it isn't I know, but sometimes it seems nearly as far as it is out to your house, of course we could take the car but have to save a little now and then so walk most of the time, and when we have been down town and back that is about all the walk we want for one day. We did go one night up to

# FROM THOSE GRAND FELLOWS OVER THERE

STORIES TELL THAT MICHI-GAN'S REPUTATION WILL NOT FAIL BECAUSE OF BOYS.



Another list of interesting letters this week to delight our readers with and we know they will cause joy because the letters are from boys who have snatched just time enough off from duty to write a letter has been to be serviced.

fetter back home to let everyone know that they are still all o. k. and ready for the next trick which they hope

The first letter is from Lloyd Kelly, a brother of Mrs. Ross Kelly of this city and son of Mrs. C. W. Todd, of Greenville. Lloyd has many friends here who will be glad to read his letter which is as follows:

here who will be glad to read his letter which is as follows:

France, Aug. 11, 1918.

Dear Mother and All:

Answered your letter a few days ago but this is Sunday night and I have just time to drop you a few lines before going to bed. I sure have got lots of letters in the last week but have them all answered so thought I would write you again. I got two letters today, one from Claribel and one from Viola and they sent me lots of clippings. I wrote to Claribel last week the same time I did you and sent her a souvenir card and you one. If put a French one and two cent piece in Claribel's letter for Louis; suppose he will be glad to get something from France. Got a letter from Ross and Bessie, they sure had a nice trip with their car; wish I could have been there to have gone with them because I have never been to Will's or Muskgon. They sent me a picture they had taken at a lake on their trip.

Well, the weather is fine over here, is nice and warm in the day time and

Well, the weather is fine over here, is nice and warm in the day time and tool at night; our camp is in a big woods and I sure get lots of sleep as



PRVT. LLOYD KELLEY

long as the aeroplanes and big guns don't make too much noice. We can hear guns shooting most of the time

and that it is in fact very hard cases of grippe, which when not attended to at the proper time, rapidly developed to the proper time, rapidly dev Arrived Salely Ove seas.

George Whitney writes his parents. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Whitney, that he thas landed on the other side all right and the first thing that he did was to take a look around for the kaiser in order to get a shot at him.

F. M. Quarterly Conference.

The first quarterly meeting for this conference year will begin Friday night in the Free Methodist church. Meetings will be in charge of Rev. B. T. Hicks, the district elder. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

J. F. Iulg, Pastor.

and got back to camp o. k. The next morning we went over to see what the bombs did. Some of the holes were about 15 feet deep and 30 feet across so you can see what they would do if they had hit one of our barracks. We have to take our gas masks every place we go and half the time sleep with them around our neck. Haven't heard a gun shoot since supper so guess I will get a good night's sleep, so will close hoping this finds you all well, as I am. Write soon.

As ever, your loving son,

Lloyd.

Prvt. L S. Kelley,

Co. A, 21st Eng., A. E. F., via N. Y.

The second letter is from Polling.